

Yesterday, the the House Committee on Science and Technology passed H.R. 4061, the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2009. An amendment offered by Rep. Lujan was included in the legislation.

[According to the Committee on Science and Technology](#) , the legislation will:

Improve the security of cyberspace by ensuring federal investments in cybersecurity are better focused, more effective, and that research into innovative, transformative technologies is supported. H.R. 4061 does this by reauthorizing and expanding the Cyber Security Research and Development Act (P.L. 107-305) passed by the Committee on Science and Technology in 2002. In addition to promoting cybersecurity R&D, the legislation addresses cybersecurity workforce concerns and advances the development of technical standards.

Rep. Lujan's amendment would address disparities in the Federal Cyber Scholarship for Service Program and help Tribal communities protect themselves from cyber criminals. He said this about his amendment:

“My amendment will address any potential regional disparities in the Federal Cyber Scholarship for Service Program, providing local companies, organizations and government agencies in New Mexico and throughout the southwest with access to locally trained talent. The amendment will also help to educate tribal communities about the risks of cyber attacks and how they can keep themselves safe from cyber criminals,” stated Luján.